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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jonas Payne, 2013 President
Kate Payne



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Presidents Message November 2013

After a nearly 4 year hiatus, I rolled my 1961 Morgan +4 Drop Head Coupe out of long term slumber and into the shop last week. I'm thinking that ancient Rome is nothing more than a series of stalled restoration projects, because when a project isn't moving forward, stuff gets piled (or built) on top of it. The act of getting the car out from under several tons of holiday decorations, children's sporting goods and charitable donations that haven't quite made it further than the garage is an epic venture in and of itself, and one that is also fraught with peril.

At first glance, conceptually, it seems like a simple job. How hard could it be, particularly when you divide a project like this into a meticulously coordinated military exercise.

Part 1 – Planning

Uh, yeah, we don't do that here.

Part 2 – The Big Dig

With Kate safely away from the house, I begin removing bins and bags full of Holiday decorations from the car. When Kate is around, these items are treated as if they are holy relics like the Shroud of Turin, but when she isn't here, how delicately do I need to treat a 3 legged reindeer with one antler and an armless snowman? Good god man! No wonder our annual Christmas yard display makes children cry and adults gasp in horror. These aren't decorations, they are undead refugees from the Zombie Apocalypse.

Much of this lot can be combined with the donations, after all, I can always play dumb..... if you wanted to keep it, why was it all in the same pile? Into the truck it goes. Hey, wait a minute? What's in that bag? That's my stuff. Why is she donating my perfectly good stuff? I need those Fraternity T-Shirts, ties and dress shirts. Stain? What stain? What do you mean this isn't in style anymore? I set styling trends, I don't follow them, so that bag needs to be put somewhere safe.

Part 3 – Removing the Evidence

If any of you have ever been to a 3rd world country, you understand what a severely overloaded truck looks like. I mean, my pickup is practically bending under the weight of the stuff going to the Goodwill. Leaving the neighborhood, I notice that the steering is having little effect, because the front wheels are practically in the air, but after a little practice, I find that by tapping the brakes, the trucks front wheels will hit the ground long enough to take some steering input. This works fine until the brakes are gone and the pedal goes to the floor. Luckily, the Goodwill Truck is in sight and with a stab of the emergency brake and a quick flick of the wheel, about 4 tons of junk flies out of the truck, nearly crushing the attendant to death. Christmas wreaths are still rolling past him as I speed off.



November 11th is
Veterans Day

Mission Statement

The British Auto Club of Las Vegas consists of British Car owners and enthusiasts dedicated to promoting the hobby of British automotive sport. The Club promotes information and networking and revels in the social elements of British car ownership. **You don't need to own an LBC (little British Car) to be a member, just love & admire them.**

Club members, prospective members and British car enthusiasts are encouraged to attend our meetings and events. Membership meetings are held at 10 AM on the last Sunday of each month at Memphis BBQ, 2250 E. Warm Springs Rd., Las Vegas. Any change in location will be noted on our website: www.baclv.org

During our meetings, we will discuss events and activities, swap Lucas stories, exchange advice on repair problems and enjoy socializing with one another.

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November 2013 Schedule of

Events

Thursday, Nov. 14th, 6:30pm, Board Meeting—TBA

**Sunday, Nov. 24th, 9am, General Membership meeting
*Wildhorse Golf Club***

11/2013 – events to be announced

Remember ~ No Meeting in December.



December 2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 8th, Bears Best

Awards Banquet December

There is no General Meeting in December.

The Next General Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th.



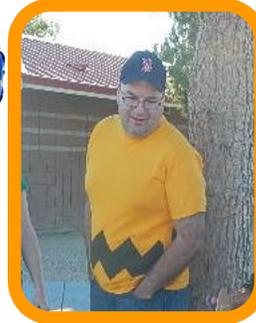
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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Happy Birthday

Bill Debevc

NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE ADVERTISING RATES

The BACLV has a website online at www.baclv.org. This site typically attracts over a 1000 visitors weekly. Please submit a photo along with your text for each classified ad. All ads, classified and display, will be placed both on the website and in the newsletter. Display ads on the website can be linked to the advertiser's website. Our low rates are posted on the classified/advertisers pages of our website.



Halloween Run and Party

Submitted by Pat Klenk



Never let it be said that the British Auto Club of Las Vegas members aren't children at heart. The hair may be gray, or on its way to gray, but given a chance to dress up and be some one or something you're not and we will jump at it. At the Halloween Rally and Cocktail Party on the 19th we proved that to be so. Ten cars began the rally portion of the day with a host of ghouls, zombies, bazar football fans, a dashing pirate and even Dr. Livingston (guess who got lost!) at the wheels. This crazed and un-dead lot wound through the back-water areas of Las Vegas trying to find those that haunt the tunnels off Sandhill and Charleston, flying low on their way due north, then riding into the setting sun to the west. Along the way they stopped at sights unseen by some before and not visited in many ghastly years by others. Actually while planning the rally, as Jonas looked at the vista of the valley spread out before him, he mentioned that it was wonderful, a sight he had never seen in his 18 years living in Las Vegas. After about an hour and a half driving, the cars rolled in – all of them. Apparently the rally master had only one bust in the instructions (sorry folks, I guess there is a difference between "Deer Springs Way" which our City Father's then turned into "John Herbert Blvd." magically). But all arrived without incident of significance. Bill and Julie Debevc brought home 1st Place in their Mini Cooper with Sandy and Dr. Andrew Lashua close on their tail and Steve (the Ghoul) and Aly (the Zombie) Kennedy pull up just after. We all thought that Aly Kennedy was looking a little worse for wear (Steve next time let Aly ride in the car please).



After a couple of hours touring the north side of Las Vegas, Dr. Livingston (Spangler) was the first to arrive with Andrina wondering when he was going back to Africa. They fought their way through the spider webs, skulls and suburban sprawl to arrive at the BACLV Cocktail party. Within twenty minutes all arrived with the exception of Healy Man Jim who was flying the "Big Healy" and had to be talked in by the tower. The intrepid ventures had a need of food, drink and friends (not necessarily in that order). The group got a little larger with the addition of Al and Susie Rosoff and the late afternoon "ahhhh..." Began while I used all of my fingers and toes to add up the points earned on the rally. Corks popped, tops pulled, the chili was hot and the conversation flowed.



LINDAHL'S "AUTOBAHN ADVENTURE TOUR"

Photos Submitted by Al Lindahl



We began with a British Air flight from Las Vegas to Frankfurt on Sept 13 that was long and uneventful. We arrived on Sat afternoon and made our way to the Hotel Nassauer Hof in Wiesbaden .

Sunday started with a wonderful breakfast at the hotel. The girls took a guided walking tour of Wiesbaden which they all raved about, and luckily for the guys it was Sunday and all the shops were closed. Six of the guys, including myself, drove to the Nurburgring, where I had the experience of riding shotgun with a Porsche Race Instructor around the 14 mile long track. It is quite an experience to be in a car passing a McClaren 12C at speed in the middle of a turn. To the credit of your

accountant/treasurer I did not scream , not even once. The track is amazing, and unbelievably dangerous having been built in 1927.

While we were there it closed down three times for accidents. It is a public toll road open to everyone willing to pay \$36 for every 14 mile loop. On the track at the same time we had a tour bus, a three wheeled Morgan like Jonas owns, motorcycles, tiny family cars, ferraris, lambos, and a ton of totally race prepared cars like the one I rode in with full roll cages, race suspensions and tires. It was an experience I will not soon forget.

Monday, after breakfast we headed to the Frankfurt Auto Show, which purports to be the biggest in the world. I walked the show from 11AM until closing at 7PM and did not see everything. Friends of ours who are well connected in the Porsche community scored coveted tickets to the Porsche Club party after the show. Porsche knows how to throw a party, and this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the 911, so Porsche went all out with a band, dinner and lots of wine and champagne. We scored a private viewing of a \$1.2 million 918, which holds the world record for the fastest lap time for a production car at the Nurburgring. If it is not yet clear from reading this, the Nurburgring is a really big thing over here.

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Tuesday included some sightseeing and was car selection day. 24 black and gray 2014 Porsche 911 Carrera S's were delivered to the hotel. You picked your car in the order that you signed up for the trip. Lorene and I went 6th and picked a Carrera 4S (4 meaning it is 4 Wheel drive and S being the bigger engine) convertible with the fantastic PDK transmission, sport exhaust (love to make a noise), and sport chrono for more speed. After the cars were selected we had a fun party at a Hofbrahaus, packed, and got ready for our drive.

Wednesday was not Lorene's favorite day since we had to leave at 7AM (Oh the horror of it) to make it in time for a 2 hour tour of the Porsche factory.

We awoke at 5AM to rain. Had to drive slower than I would have liked due to the weather, but got used to the phenomenal car (handling and brakes are sooo good). The Porsche factory tour was fun and educational, and we especially enjoyed watching the marriage, where the assembly line of the undercarriage meets the assembly line of the body. Of all the countries we are visiting Germany is the only one with no speed limit on some stretches of road so I was happy to see the rain stop. I can't explain how cool it is to be blasting down the Autobahn at 220 KPH, see a cop in the right lane and never let off the gas because it is legal. It was also amazing to watch the people here continue at those speeds during a downpour. Not me! We drove 3 hours to the InterAlpen Hotel in Tyrol, Austria. Quite an amazing place. Our balcony overlooks the mountains, and our suite is probably 1800 square feet. If you get a chance look it up on the Internet because words can not describe this hotel.

Thursday morning, German friends of ours who happened to be on vacation an hour and a half from us drove over and we hiked and had dinner with them.

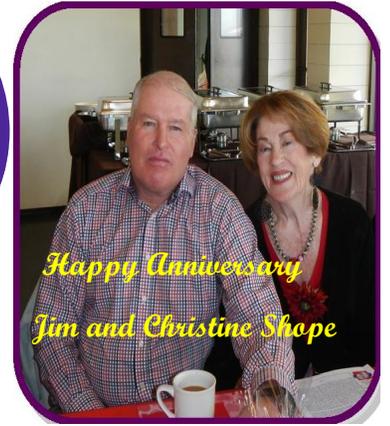
Friday we did a three hour drive through the beautiful countryside. In the process I screwed up the payment machine in a parking lot when I pressed the wrong button resulting in some annoyed Austrians. I annoyed some more Austrians trying to get the car washed. What can I say, all the instructions were incomprehensible to me.

To be continued in December's Spanner.



November Birthdays

11/3 Jared Carithers
11/6 Bonnie Himka
11/7 Jackie Guzman
11/13 Christine Bowen
11/16 Sandy Kilgour
11/16 Neal Westfall
11/16 Bill Debevc
11/17 Rita Boumen
11/19 Pat Semiatore
11/21 Bonnie Brown
11/21 Mike Perger
11/25 Bill Dye



November Anniversaries

11/18 Shope, Jim & Christine



Lunch with Laurie

Photos and story by Sandy Lashua

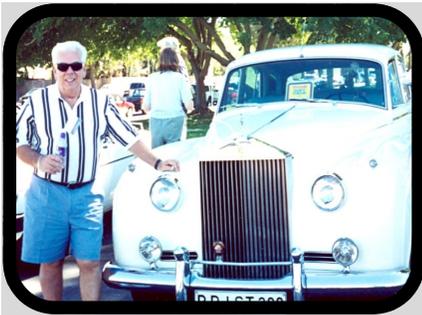


On Tuesday, October 15th, nine of us met at Macaroni Grill in Henderson for a terrific lunch. This was former BAC member, Laurie Rosenau's last day before she went back to Florida. While here she had the opportunity to meet up with old friends.

Tuesday was full of laughter and good food. Joining us was her old friend Tom (Laurie and Tom won the St. Patts Day Rally in her Toyota a few years ago), Nelda Lefler, Bonnie Schneider, Christine Shope, Allen & Susie Rosoff and Andrew & I. Since a picture is worth a thousand words and I don't have room for that many words, here are the pictures of our Lunch with Laurie.

She certainly missed everyone who couldn't make it and hopes to see you on her return trip in the Spring.





Donald Krevosh

1936 ~ 2013



BACLV Member DONALD KREVOSH passed away October 12 in his home with his wife, Mary, by his side. Donald and Mary had been members of BAC for many years. Donald loved his British cars, dancing with Mary and traveling.

There will be a private memorial service and luncheon for Donald on November 16th, promptly at 11am. BAC members have been invited. Those wishing to attend please contact Sandy Lashua (cwlashua@aol.com) by November 11th to RSVP and for full details and location.

Parking for LBC's is being arranged.

Donald is survived by his wife Mary and daughters Meghan and Ashley.

He will be missed by many of his friends in the BAC.

Submitted by Sandy Lashua, Photos from Bonnie Schneider

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As always, the kitchen was the point of gathering, though people found the evening air still warm and the breeze very slight. We took a break to honor our favorite zombie, the ever alluring Aly Kennedy who impressed us all with her stunning "little black dress" and aptitude for make-up; truly the picture of health (it is amazing what running marathons do for you). Aly was voted "Best Costume" for the evening. Clara Ogle also turned heads with her, uh, almost coordinating hair colors. Chef Sandy talked about cooking up a few extra body parts left over from Dr. Andrew's operations and the swashbuckling Maggie Westfall kept the beer coolers from blowing away with the help of Lorene Lindal and Aly.

Margaret and I would like to thank Jonas Payne for his help in developing the route for the rally, Maggie Westfall for her help in putting the party together, and -all that joined us in our little rally and cocktail party. And to Lorene and Sandy for their deserts. To have friends that will join us and share an afternoon and evening is rewarding and reinforces what makes BACLV different from the others. **Thank you.**



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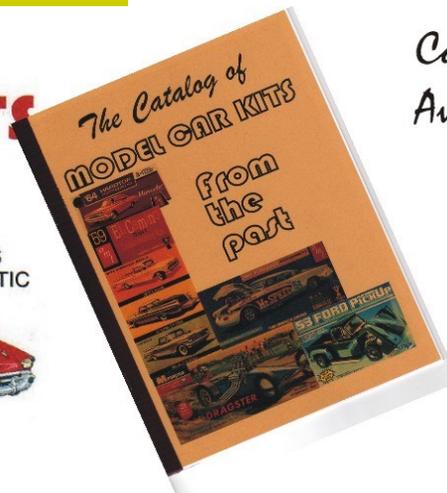
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Price.....\$39,500.

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Part 4 – Big Game Hunting

Long term storage in NV means that many interesting creatures will come to inhabit the dark places where people no longer venture. Particularly, creepy crawly insects (many of which are poisonous), lizards and mice. Now able to see the outlines of my car under sheets, I resist the urge to quickly uncover the car, who knows what is lurking underneath? The first sheet comes off to reveal nothing some petrified lizards. The second sheet is off with a sprinkling of mouse poop. Gaining confidence I reach for the 3rd sheet and ZAP! I am stung on the hand by a scorpion. My hand quickly swells up to 5 times its normal size and goes completely numb. It looks like somebody blew up a surgical glove, there isn't a line in it. I quickly take some Benadryl. I'm thinking that being stung by a scorpion is pretty serious stuff, so if 2 is the regular dose, 4 should be good, right? Why not throw in a painkiller to stop the throbbing?

Part 5 – The Electric Kool Aid Acid Test

OK, so I now know that while 2 Benadryl's will make you a little drowsy, 4 is an entirely different experience that is more like something Michael Jackson's Anesthesiologist might be doling out. You know, the one where they ask you to count to 10 and you make it to 4. I am now happily floating through space and time with my throbbing cartoon hand. I have the car up on dollies and begin to roll it out of the garage, and unfortunately, I'm too busy watching vapor trails to see that it is slowly picking up speed as it heads down the incline of the driveway. Nearly too late I recognize that I need something to put under the wheels to stop the mad rush to oblivion. Reaching for a wood block, I'm unable to grasp it with the useless club that was my hand, and I'm also unable to grab a tennis racket that is just out of reach, but I am able to grab a box of fraternity beer mugs with my other hand and use them as a block to stop the car (and to think she was going to throw them away). Now begins the Herculean effort to push the car uphill into the shop, where it is now resting quietly, patiently waiting for me to return to sobriety and regain feeling in my hand.

History's Greatest Automotive Mysteries, Myths and Rumors Revealed

by Tech Editor Ron Couturier

The authors of this 256 page hardbound narrative, Preston Lerner and Matt Stone, are veteran writers with impressive credentials. Preston Lerner is a regular contributor to *Automobile* magazine and has written motorsports articles for *Sports Illustrated* and *The New York Times Magazine*. He has authored *Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman* (2009), which he co-authored with Matt Stone, and *Scarab* (2003). Matt Stone, the former editor of *Motor Trend* magazine, has been a professional journalist and photographer since 1985. He is a member of SPEED TV's Barrett-Jackson Auction broadcast team and has authored several books including: *My First Car* (2011), *McQueen's Machines* (2010), *Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman* (2009), and *365 Cars You Must Drive* (2006).

This book is filled with crazy stories, myths, mysteries, rumors and legends. There is the old legend of the nut who allegedly strapped JATO rockets to a 1964 Chevrolet, lit them off, got airborne at 350 MPH and buried himself halfway up the sheer face of a cliff. There's the story of James Dean's death car (Porsche 550 Spyder) and how parts of his car were sold off and later cursed their owners.

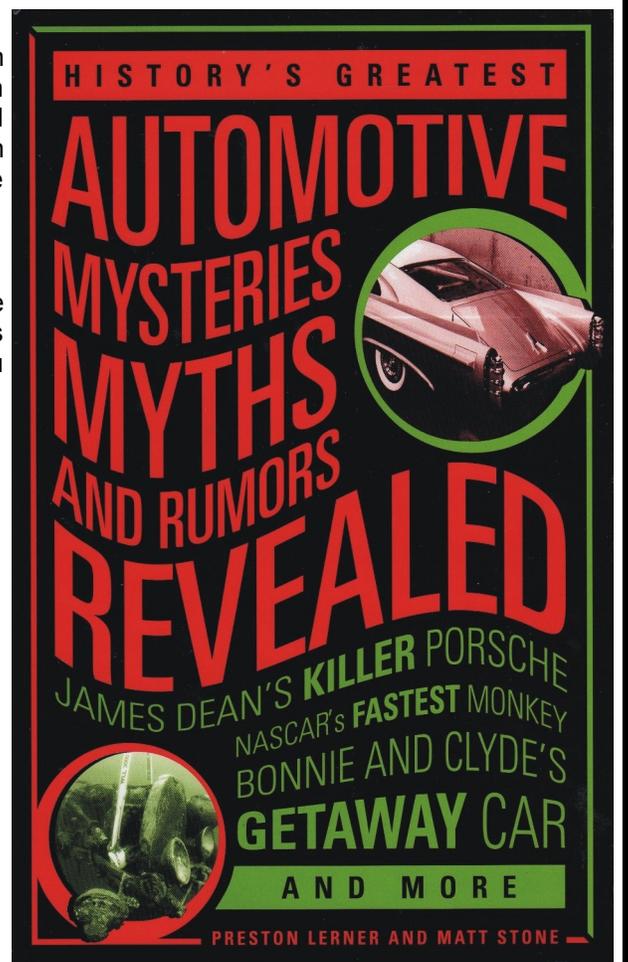
Did you know that one of the Aston Martin DB5s James Bond drove in *Goldfinger* and *Thunderball* may have been thrown from an airplane and dumped in the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Florida as part of an insurance scam? There's the Bonnie and Clyde story and the fact that they almost always exclusively stole Ford V-8s as their get-away cars because they were the fastest cars of their day? And that Clyde Barrow even wrote Henry Ford a thank-you card.

Remember the movie *Bullit* where Steve McQueen plays Frank Bullit, a tough veteran investigator with the San Francisco P.D. Although McQueen was a very capable and talented driver as witnessed in the epic 1971 movie *Le Mans* in which he did all his own driving. Did McQueen, in fact, do all the driving in the chase scene route in the movie *Bullit*?

There are 27 amazing tales in this book. The stories are backed by exhaustive research. Separating fact from fiction is not always easy. It's an entertaining read which will get you laughing at times. A must read for all gearheads.



Happy Motoring...Ron Couturier



BACLV General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2013

**Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting Minutes Submitted by:
Clara Ogle, Secretary**

Attendance: 27

Jonas Payne called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Elections are coming up and the club is in great need for someone to step up for the following offices:

Vice – President and Officer-at-Large

The president's position will be filled by vice-president, Pat Klenk. The secretary position is a two year term and Clara Ogle will be serving her second year. Al Lindahl has volunteered to remain as treasurer. Jonas and Kate Payne will host the October 12 Board Meeting at their home. All members are invited to see how easy it is to be a BACLV officer.

Bill Wellbaum: Membership Chairman

We currently have 131 members. Membership has grown due to the club's fun activities and good leadership. We welcomed Robert and Erica Harris, who have a 79 MGB. David Benet was visiting. He has a 67 Midget. If you are ordering parts through Moss Motors, Bill Wellbaum encouraged everyone in the club to order through Jonas Payne. Jonas is a distributor and will pass on parts and freight discounts to club members.

Events: Pat Klenk

Pahrump Run – Pat thanked the Seminatore for hosting. We had a great run up there topped off with a luncheon at Mountain Falls Golf Club. Pat Seminatore mentioned that the Pahrump Winery – The Wine Stomp – will be held on the weekend of October 5/6.

Halloween Rally – October 19, 2013

Planned by Pat Klenk and Jonas Payne. Flyers were passed out and an e-mail announcement will be sent to all members. The rally will last 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Pat and Margaret Klenk will host the after party at their home.

No Treasurer's Report

Website: Steve Kennedy ~ Steve will post the rally flyer on the website and send it to the Rolls Royce, Mini, Lotus and the bikers in Bill Wellbaum's club.

The Barrett-Jackson Auction is in town and they had about sixteen British cars available.

The raffle brought in \$65. *1st prize – Maggie Westfall* *2nd prize – Susie Rosoff*

BACLV Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

The Board Meeting was held at English's in Town Square. Jonas and Kate Payne, Pat and Margaret Klenk and David and Clara Ogle were present.

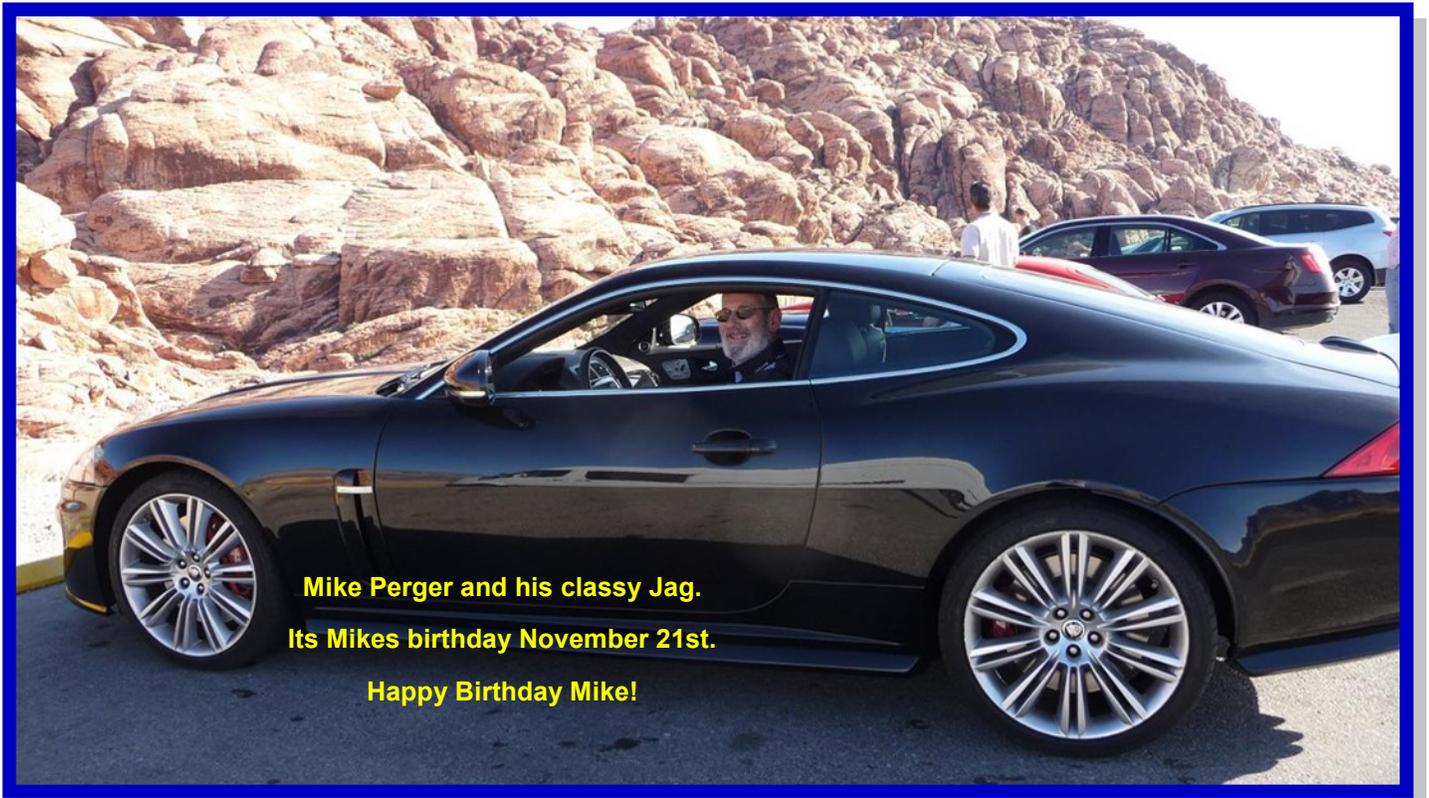
Topics of the night were the Events Calendar and Upcoming Elections.

Events:

September 22 – "A Day in Pahrump" hosted by Al and Pat Seminatore.

October 19 – Halloween Gimmick Rally. Pat Klenk and Jonas Payne will plan the rally. Pat and Margaret Klenk will host the after party.

Elections: Currently the offices of Vice-president and Officer-at-Large are open. Jonas and Kate Payne will host the next Board Meeting at their home on October 12. All club members will be invited. This is to encourage all



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Happy Birthday Mike!**



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